



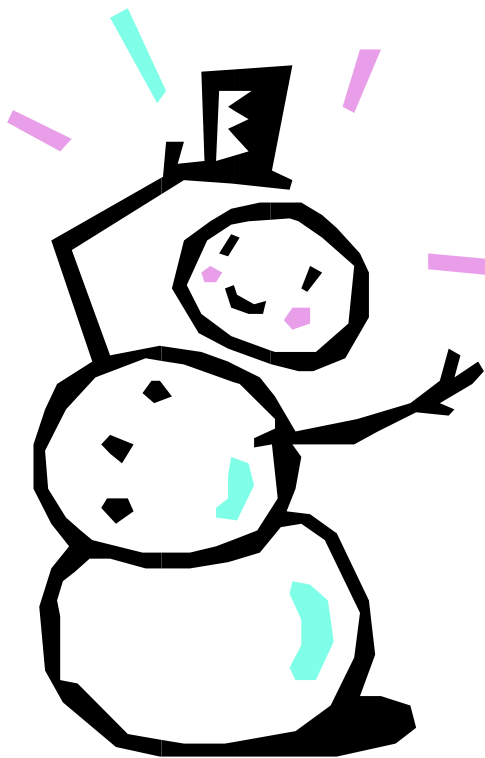
CEDAR RIDGE SCHOOL MISSOURI SCHOOLS FOR THE SEVERELY DISABLED

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Winter 2015

Juell's Classroom

In Juell Brandt's class, students have been enjoying making some fall and Thanksgiving crafts, and they enjoyed having a small break from school. All students participated in the Dynamic Learning Maps Field test in Science, and now, over the next few weeks, students will be very busy as they complete their English Language Arts and Mathematics tests. In addition, students continue to work on their Functional Living Skills by assisting with various household activities that keep the school running smoothly. Learning activities for reading, writing and math continue, and students are using the computer and iPads to enhance their lessons. Everyone is looking forward to Winter Break.



Walking in a Winter Wonderland!

Important Dates:

- **No School**
*December 24th-
January 1
Winter Break*
- **No School**
*January 13th
Staff Development*
- **No School**
*January 18th
Martin Luther King, Jr.
Day*
- **No School**
*February 12th
Lincoln's Birthday*
- **No School**
*Washington's Birthday
February 15th*

OPEN HOUSE

Cedar Ridge School will be having an open house for all of our students families on Wednesday, December 23rd from 2:00-3:00. Come and enjoy refreshments, gift giving and activities in students rooms.

Nurse's Notes by Denise Charlton, School Nurse

In November, Ann from Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services visited and performed an oral screening and fluoride varnish for the children with signed consent. She left toothbrushes and toothpaste along with a sticker and bookmark for all the children to take home.

5 Steps for a Healthy Smile:

1. **Brush twice a day.**
2. **Floss every day.**
3. **Avoid sugary food.**
4. **Avoid sugary drinks.**
5. **Visit the dentist twice a year.**

Don't forget to get your flu vaccines and use lots of good hand washing, and cover your cough. If you have any signs or symptoms of the "flu" please stay home until you are sure you aren't contagious. Happy Holidays!



March's Classroom

The Busy Bee's wish everyone a Happy Holiday! Our fairy tale theme has continued through November with the tale of **"The Little Red Hen"**. Embedded in the story of the intrepid hen who accepted the responsibility of feeding her chicks as well as teaching them the reward of hard work. There are Introductions of new words, characters to act out the story, discussions about size, color, how many, vocalizing a 3 word sentence ("I'll do it myself!") and the beginning, middle and end of the story.

As part of our nutritional unit, the students planted, watered, and observed a crop of wheat grow.

There have been lots of sensory moments exploring the textures and rate of growth of the wheat and deciding if the wheat needed to be watered.

As December is upon us, the students are enjoying the sights, smells and songs of **"The Gingerbread Man"**. Cinnamon ornaments shaped like gingerbread men where kneaded, rolled out and cut out with cookie cutters. Gingerbread play dough is part of sensory day. Good smells! All of the characters of the story are available to act out the story, plus, we sing and pantomime to the song, "Catch Me If You Can"!

PE Fun with Zack

What an awesome first semester it has been! It has been amazing to see students smiling, laughing, and enjoying all kinds of different activities. One of the greatest things about this semester has been the weather.

It has been absolutely beautiful! We have been able to go outside while enjoying playing games and

activities which is very uncommon for this time of year.

The students have also show a lot of excitement now that the Christmas season has rolled around. I must admit, I get a little excited as well!

I hope everyone has a terrific Christmas and are able to spend lots of time with family and

There are bingo games, sight words, number matching, washing up of kitchen cooking utensils, and counting out plates and napkins for enjoying a snack of gingerbread cookies. There is choosing from an adapted communication device, what they want to drink with their snack and chasing each other on the playground during the great weather we've been having.

But the best day was making the gingerbread house!

Please come to the OPEN HOUSE on December 23rd, so they can share what they have created, learned and shared.

friends.

Merry Christmas!

Zach



Happy Holidays

Fun Healthy After-School Snacks

Here's a fun snack to make ahead and have whenever the kids get home from school-it's a Yogurtwich!

Place a scoop of yogurt between 2 graham cracker squares. Roll the edges in chocolate chips. Freeze until firm.

The kids are sure to love this after-school snack!

Taken from **50 New After-School Snacks** from Food Network Magazine.



